National Manuscripts Library for Sanskrit

*518. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any recommendation from Sanskrit Scholars for setting up of a National Manuscripts Library in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) by when the said Library is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the Conference on Sanskrit and Prakrit manuscripts held by the Department of Culture on 17-12-2000 at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi, various Sanskrit Scholars recommended to the conference that a national manuscript library be set up wherein copies of all such manuscripts should be made available.

(c) and (d) No decision has been taken to set up such a library by the Department of Culture as yet.

Pulse production in Andhra Pradesh

*519. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh is one of the largest Producers of pulses in the country, after Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, and their production in the State is increasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what are the details of facilities being extended to growers of pulses by the Central Government and the Andhra Pradesh Government, so as to boost production of pulses in the State?